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AARA 146.82 Repeater New Home

In December of 2009, Nick K5QXJ, was told of an impending removal of the 200-foot tower at the Strato's Corporation located on Willow St. in Lafayette, which would impact the antenna used by the W5DDL, 146.82 repeater. In early July of 2010 this came true and the club was notified that we had 2 days to remove the repeater.

Thanks to some quick efforts by Fred W5MLE, Grant KF5CNU, Glen KF5FNP, Jim N5NVP and Dick WA6MDI, the system was off the air for less than 2 hours and relocated to Fred W5MLE's QTH in Carencro.

While at the Carencro site the members enjoyed the use of Fred's 100-foot tower and his repeater antenna at the cost of his personal repeater being off the air. Subsequent coverage was found to be a little too weak for the users in South and West Lafayette so the search for another site was initiated.

The most logical site at the time was to relocate the repeater back on the Lafayette General Hospital where it was before being moved to Datacom owned by Nick K5QXJ (under new owners now called Stratos).

During the course of a series of discussions with Fred W5MLE, Glen KF5FNP and Dick WA6MDI the possibility was raised of locating the system in the Chase Bank Tower Building in downtown Lafayette where Glen has his office. Glen approached Joe Fain W5XJF, who is the IT person for the building and discussions began. Meanwhile, a photo survey of the Chase Tower proved an ideal location.



While this was going on, the tower at Strato's was dismantled during the second week of July. Through the contacts developed by Nick K5QXJ the VHF antenna (DB-224) for the 146.82 systems was saved.

Tuesday July 20 was the date for a meeting with a group of representatives from the Chase Bank Building and the 146.82 repeater committee (Dick WA6MDI, Charlie KI5XP & Nick K5QXJ). Final approval was granted for relocation of the system to the roof, free of charge. Joe Fain also provided free phone and Internet lines to the club.

Friday July 23 was decided as a day to put the antenna recovered from the Strato's tower on the roof of the new site. That was accomplished with the help of Dick, Glen, Grant and Glen's friend, Justin Krahn (who is not a ham.... yet). This was done with the addition of a 12-foot mast and attached to a small 10-foot tower section located on the North side of the penthouse roof. This went together fairly quickly and although it was very warm, the day was still early and the question was posed to the members of the repeater committee should the attempt be made to relocate the actual repeater that afternoon? Of course part of the decision was due to the tropical storm Bonnie spinning in the Gulf and it's potential impact on the local area. The decision was made to move the repeater, Fred was contacted and he agreed we could pick up the .82 system.

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August President's Message

(by Irma Bookter KE5UPK)

It's hard to believe we're looking at August already. July has been a pretty busy month, putting away vegetables. The garden is spent and waiting to be cleaned up for fall. Jim really had a good harvest this summer. All his hard work paid off. We'll enjoy the veggies this winter.

I thought the Slidell hamfest was interesting. Jim and I made an enjoyable trip of it. If you are ever around Madisonville, stop in at Morton's Seafood Restaurant. They serve a very delicious meal. You won't be disappointed.

I think everyone is happy that the W5DDL repeater 146.82 found a good home on top of Chase Bank Towers. It is by far the best location for the repeater since Stratos was dismantling their tower. We need to thank Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Joe Fain W5XJF, Dick Melcher WA6MDI, Fred Marshall W5MLE, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Charlie Morrison KI5XP, Jim Bookter N5NVP, Grant Linscome KF5CNU, and Glen's friend Justin Krahn and tell them how much we appreciate all the work they did to make it happen. Good job men! We appreciate you Guys! I also want to thank Fred for giving the repeater a temporary home and the use of his tower until W5DDL repeater found a permanent home.

There's a lot to understand about repeaters. For me it was when I saw the pictures Glen showed us at lunch bunch and he, Fred, Dick and Jim explained what was going on that's when I finally got the picture of what needed to be done.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday August 5th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

None listed for August
Leesville Hamfest Canceled

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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Repeater Relocation (from page 1)

Fred and Dick uninstalled the repeater system in record time and it was then loaded and transported in Dick's truck to it's new home. Thanks to Grant and Dick's knowledge and experience, installation was going smooth, then Murphy raised his head. The club power supply would not work, a stand-by supply was tried and that did not have enough current capability. A quick trip was made and a stand-by Astron was obtained, providing the last piece of the puzzle. Without any signs of "Murphy", the remainder of the installation went smooth. The repeater was then powered up without any smoke or fire being observed. We then moved to the testing phase. Dick, using his service monitor, then preformed the RF testing, everything checked well. 146.820 was back on the air and stronger than ever. Hams from all over Acadiana are reporting increased signal strength, and it's no wonder, the club's repeater system is now located on the tallest building in Lafayette at approximately 260 feet, that's 60 feet higher than the former location, and the feed line is only 40 feet, compared to 200 feet at the old site. This shortening of the feed line adds a significant increase in ERP (Effective Radiated Power).



Dick, Grant, and Glen checking out the DB-224)



A view of the penthouse with antenna.



A close-up view of the penthouse with antenna.



The repeater rack and duplexers.

Short-term upgrades for the repeater include, installing a UPS, adding a PL tone, connecting to the building's 24/7 natural gas generator for emergency power, the addition of the phone patch, and possible acquisition of a system to allow EchoLink/IRLP.

AARA would like to thank The Moody Company (owners of the Chase bank building) and Joe Fain for allowing the club to locate the repeater on their building. So the next time you see or hear Joe Fain W5XJF on the air take a minute to thank him.

Article and pictures by: Dick WA6MDI & Glen KF5FNP

July 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the club President Irma KE5UPK.

The opening prayer was by the Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 37 members in attendance.

Introductions: All of the attendees gave their names, call signs and any interesting contacts that they might have made during the last month.

Minutes: The June Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the July LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: The June 10th Financial report was read Joy N5YCS. The financial report is private to members only, any member needing a copy can contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5dd.org

Old Business: Irma KE5UPK thanked everyone that gave their time and/or equipment for the recent Field Day event. Archie W5AG, Field Day Chairman, gave a report on this event which included expenses incurred for generator rental, fuel costs, pavilion rental, RV hook-ups, and refreshments. His report also included operators, number of contacts, antennas, modes, etc.

Some of the other things mentioned were thanks to Grant KF5CNU for getting AMOS to the site, the ladies for all the refreshments, especially Sandy KE5KJF & Larry KE5KJD for gathering of refreshments and door prizes donated for the event, Herman KN5GRK for his PIO work in getting local TV and newspaper coverage.

New Business: The Club meeting focused primarily on the purchase of a new club generator (s) and the future utility of AMOS. There was a long discussion on the following topics:

1. Diesel vs. Gas and the different brands.
2. 1800 RPM vs. 3600 RPM.
3. One (1) long life generator vs. two (2) or more "disposable" generators.
4. Don't buy generators but rent generators.
5. What power would be required for the clubs activities.
6. Whether to sell AMOS or fix it.
7. How much money can the club afford, keeping in mind the time usage, for any generator (s) or AMOS.

Jim N5NVP made a motion to accept the Boards decision. The entire attendance voted for adopting the Boards decision to allow for a maximum of \$4,000.00 for generator (s) and \$2,000.00 for AMOS.

Irma KE5UPK also thanked Dick WA6MDI, Fred W5MLE, John W4JHC, and Glen KF5FNP for their committee work in finding and listing various generator options for the club.

Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Fred W5MLE gave a presentation and video on EchoLink & IRLP repeater operations.

Door Prizes:

1. Archie W5AG — Playboy Bar Set.
2. Cheryl KE5IBM — ARRL Publication.
3. Joy N5YCS — ARRL Publication.
4. Grant KF5CNU — ARRL Publication.
5. Calvin KD5JCT — ARRL Publication.

The ARRL Publications were donated by Virginia Bryant KE5DJA.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

BOARD MEETING

A board meeting was held prior to the July General Meeting.

The board meeting centered mainly on the possibility of the club purchasing a new generator and the dollar amount that should be put in the budget. Also, how much money needs to be put in the budget to update AMOS.

There was a discussion on other options. The board voted to include a maximum of \$4,000.00 for the new generator (s) and \$2,000.00 to upgrade AMOS.

July VE Test Session Results

The July 2010 VE Test results are as follows:

Phoebe Gaudet KC5VRN of Lafayette, LA took the Extra Class License test and passed.

VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Mitch Romero KB5TWL
Archie Hill W5AG

VE testing takes place at 6:00 PM prior to the AARA General Meeting which takes place at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month.

AARA New Members

According to my reports, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. did not receive any "NEW" members into the club.

Herman KN5GRK
Editor

AARA Field Day 2010 Information

Winners of Special Field Day Drawings

DONOR	PRIZE	WINNER
New York Life - Ken Savoie	\$50 at Olive Garden	Herman Campbell KN5GRK
Teche Federal Bank	Car Cleaning Kit	John LeBlanc KE5KJD
Teche Federal Bank	BBQ Utensil Kit	Jim Bookter N5NVP
Teche Federal Bank	Solar Lantern	Weston Hebert KB5I
IKON - John LeBlanc	1G USB Drive	Linda Breaux KE5HSY
D.A. Phil Haney	Folding Chair	Glenn Breaux KD5NVC
D.A. Phil Haney	Folding Chair	Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ
D.A. Phil Haney	Folding Chair	Andrew Fontenot KE5OGA
D.A. Phil Haney	Folding Chair	Irma Bookter KE5UPK
Van Eaton & Romero - David Gleason	Serving Dish	Greg Dolan II K5LFT
Bluestone Promotions - Nicole Hamilton	Metal Sculpture	Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD
Sen. Troy Hebert	\$50.00 toward FD	Field Day Crew
Wal-Mart	\$25.00 to buy fruit	Field Day Crew
Golden Corral	4 pies	Field Day Crew
Gautreaux's Donuts	4 doz. Donuts	Field Day Crew
Gabe's - Rayne	Reduction in price	Field Day Crew
Pizza Hut - Rayne	Reduction in price	Field Day Crew

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. would like to thank all the above businesses that made contributions to our Field Day event. They are greatly appreciated in showing interest in what we do.

We would also like to thank Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF for her part in rounding up supporters for the above prizes and refreshments. Others that helped with refreshments were: Cathy Daigle KD5TJZ, Karen Marshall KE5RPI and Irma Bookter KE5UPK.

We had a lot of fun!



Chuck Davis KE5ZZM and Grant Linscomb KE5CNU prepare to launch weather balloon with antenna and wireless color camera.

View of balloon and camera in the sky.



Field Day Sign-in Roster

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CALL	ARES	TITLE
SIMON	MEL	WD5CAE	Y	
HEBERT	WESTON	KB5I	Y	
LINSCOMB	GRANT	KF5CNU		
THIBODEAUX	GLEN	KF5FNP		
ROY	ED	WA5TNK	Y	LAFAYETTE PARISH EC
CUNNIFF	JOHN	W4JHC	Y	
MARSHALL	FRED	W5MLE	Y	
MARSHALL	KAREN	KE5RPI	Y	
AUBUCHON	DAVID	KD0BZO		
LEBLANC	LARRY	KE5KJD	Y	
LEBLANC	SANDRA	KE5KJF		
HOSKIN	ROGER	W5QEP	Y	
DAIGLE	DANNY	KD5JSM		
DAIGLE	KATHY	KD5TJZ		
ADAMS	MATT	KF5EGL		
HILL	ARCHIE	W5AG		FIELD DAY CHAIRPERSON
PITRE	BOSIE	KF5HEL		
STRODMAN	DON	NJ6X		
PARSLEY	CRAIG	KI5VO		
ROMERO	NICK	KE5MWX	Y	
JONES	WILLIE			VISITOR
BIENVENU	DAVID	KC5DPL		
WESTBROOK	LESLIW			REPORTER-THE ADVERTISER
LEVEQUE	KARLA			REPORTER-KLFY-TV
LEBLANC				VISITOR
WILSON	KENDRA	KF5PYS		
WILSON	ABBIGAIL	KF5BEW		
WILSON	GALEN	KF5BET		
CONNOLLY	CHAD	KE5YXE		
FONTENOT	ANDREW	KE5OGA		
BEGNAUD	CALVIN	KD5JCT	Y	
CAMPBELL	HERMAN	KN5GRK	Y	LAFAYETTE PARISH ASSISTANT EC
BABINEAUX	LARRY			RAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
HAMILTON	NICOLE			VISITOR
BREAUX	LINDA	KE5HSY	Y	
BREAUX	GLENN	KD5NVC	Y	LAFAYETTE PARISH ASSISTANT EC
BOOKTER	JIM	N5NVP	Y	LA AFFILIATED CLUB COORDINATOR
BOOKTER	IRMA	KE5UPK	Y	AARA PRESIDENT
LANTIER	MONTE	KE5TEY	Y	



A view from camera attached to weather balloon in the sky on a color monitor. Chuck KE5ZZM had his Heath station set up in a canopy tent.

LOUISIANA SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS

LA H 863 – Wireless Devices While Driving

This bill was introduced on March 29, 2010 by Rep. Stiaes (D-LA) prohibiting commercial motor vehicle drivers from using hand-held cell phone devices while driving commercial motor vehicles. The bill was sent to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. As of April 28, 2010 the bill had an amendment adopted on the House floor and ordered engrossed. As of May 17, 2010 the bill failed to pass the House.

LA H 1235 – Wireless Devices While Driving

This bill was introduced on March 29, 2010 by Rep. Badon (D-LA) prohibiting the use of handheld cell phones while driving. As of May 6, 2010 the bill was amended on the House floor where it is currently pending.

LA S 9 – Wireless Devices While Driving

This bill was introduced on March 29, 2010 by Sen. Gautreaux (D-LA) making texting while driving a motor vehicle a primary offense. The bill was sent to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. As of April 20, 2010 the bill had an amendment adopted on the Senate floor and was ordered engrossed. As of June 2, 2010 the bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate for concurrence. As of June 17, 2010 the bill was signed by the Governor and made Act No. 203.

LA S 15 – License Plates

This bill was introduced on March 29, 2010 by Sen. Appel (R-LA) providing for change in prestige license plate from HAM Operator to Amateur Radio. This bill was sent to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. As of April 21, 2010 the bill passed the Senate and was sent to the House where it is currently pending. As of May 26, 2010 the bill was signed by the Governor and as of May 28, 2010 the bill was made into Act No. 12.

Many states and municipalities have passed laws involving cell phone usage while driving. Also some have passed "distracted driver" laws. We have received reports of tickets issued to Amateur Radio operators by over zealous patrolmen who do not know the difference and don't care. Most of these were in New York State. One just has to pay the ticket or let the judge decide. So far I have not heard of any tickets being issued in Louisiana, but if you hear of any please provide the details to me if you can.

We try to monitor activities at the State level, but if you hear of Parishes or Cities proposing ordinances it is up to the local membership to try to protect our interests by getting an exclusion for Amateur Radio included.

73

Gary K5GLS
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Programming Notes

Archie Hill W5AG, AARA Vice President

The final results of our Field Day efforts included a "1A" competitive entry using the call W5DDL that was submitted to ARRL and a non-competitive / fun "2A" entry using the call W5EXI that was collected for club evaluation and improvement. The claimed score for the "1A" entry included 340 CW QSO's (680 pts) and 34 SSB QSO's (34 pts). After our power multiplier (=2 for <150 watts) our total QSO points claimed was 1428. We claimed seven bonus point activities: 1) 100% Emergency Power, 2) Media Publicity, 3) Set-up in a Public Place, 4) Information Booth, 5) NTS Message to SM/SEC, 6) Formal NTS Messages, and 7) Site Visit by a served agency official. This added 700 bonus points to our submitted 1A entry for a total of 2128 points claimed. The 2A entry using the call W5EXI collected 106 SSB QSO's.

What should be our goal for next year? I think it is within our reach to double our competitive entry by planning in advance to compete at the 2A level in June 2011. At the August 5 club meeting I will show portions of two PowerPoint presentations by teams that are regularly competing for top ten Field Day scores. One team uses in excess of 20 radios, the other team competes at the 3A level. These teams carefully plan all aspects of a successful Field Day.

Robert Henry Smith WA5PJT - SK

(June 15, 1915 - July 3, 2010)

Funeral services were held for Robert (Bob) Smith - WA5PJT on Monday, July 5, 2010 at Vincent Funeral Home in Abbeville, LA.

"Mr. Bob"

as he was usually called became a Silent Key on July 3rd at the age of 95. He was laid to rest at St. Paul Cemetery.

He had retired with the Vermilion Parish School Board. Bob was self-taught in electronics. He had many hobbies including being an amateur ham radio operator and a member of the Post Office Net for many years. He was a early riser and could be heard on 3905 KHz almost any day at 0300 in the morning. He also put together the first repeater in Abbeville, LA. Computers, and building and flying model radio controlled airplanes were some of his other hobbies.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Hortense LeBlanc Smith of Abbeville; a son, Richard H. Smith and wife Mary of Nunez; four daughters, Martha Nell Smith of Albuquerque, NM, Jackie Langlins and husband Glenn of Abbeville, Roberta Tribe and husband Earl J. of Abbeville and Lisa Smith of Kaplan; eighteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Thomas Smith; mother, Helen Moore Smith; grandson, Damon J. Babin; four sisters and two brothers.



Be sure to take extra precautions when working in the extreme heat we are undergoing in South Louisiana - Stay out of the sun and stay hydrated.

New FCC Rules Amendment

FCC amends amateur radio rules on emergency preparedness and disaster planning drills.

On July 14, 2010, a FCC Report and Order was adopted and issued amending the amateur radio to permit amateur radio operators to transmit messages, under certain limited circumstances, during either government-sponsored or non-government sponsored emergency and disaster preparedness drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

Per FCC: Although public safety land mobile radio systems are the primary means of radio-based communications for emergency responders, experience has shown that amateur radio has played an important role in preparation for, during, and in the aftermath of, natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.

The report and order can be found at the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Web pages under Highlights and Releases:

<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/>
7/14/10

Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Amateur Radio Service Communications During Government Disaster Drills.

Report and Order: Word | Acrobat

Link to actual Report and Order:

http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-124A1.doc

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146.820 W5DDL Auto Patch Quick Dial

If you are a AARA member and would like to have a "Quick Dial" slot number, you will need to contact Danny Griffith K5ARH and provide him with your **callsign, name, and telephone number**. The autopatch is now working. I don't know the patch codes at this time. Danny's e-mail is:

k5arh@lusfiber.net

Herman KN5GRK - Editor

August 2010 Special Events & Contests

August 7	KMØBSA - 100 Years of Scouting-Fayette, MO.
August 7 & 8	10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party-10 meters.
August 7 & 8	North America QSO Party
August 14 & 15	N7C - Navajo Code Talkers Day - Window Rock, AZ.
August 17	NI6IW - USS Midway Museum Operations Room - USS Nautilus, first ship to reach geographic North Pole submerged 1958.
August 21 & 22	North America QSO Party
August 28 & 29	K5R - 5 th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina & Rita - Hammond, LA
August 28-30	W9IMS - Indianapolis Motor Speedway - MotoGP.
August 29	KØASA - 150 th Anniversary of the Pony Express - Hanover, KS.

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the August 2010 issue of QST on pages 74 and 86.



2010 BIRTHDAYS

8/09	GLEN	KF5FNP
8/12	DAVID	KDØBZO
8/12	GORDON	KE5WZK
8/15	DICK	WA6MDI
8/23	PAULA	KF5CNS
8/24	ESTHER	N5YOP
8/27	PHOEBE	KC5VRN
8/30	JOHN	KX5JT
9/03	MONTE	KE5TEY

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club Hamfest (Leesville) CANCELLED

The WCLARC Hamfest scheduled for August 14, 2010 has been CANCELLED.

The ARRL Website and QST has this hamfest listed as taking place, **BUT** if you check out the club webpage, you will find it as being cancelled this year. This is not a permanent thing, plans are to have it next year.

The WCLARC website is:
<http://www.wclarc.com>

Thanks

Our "Thanks" go out to the following for helping make this newsletter possible:

Gulf South Printing & Specialties for donating paper.

Lafayette Salvation Army for use of their copy machine.

July 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	38	0	78	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	56	2	91	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	3	8	0	20	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	27	0	53	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 6	0	18	KE5JKD Larry

Education is what you get from reading the small print. Experience is what you get from not reading it.

Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17

ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 22, 2010

To all radio amateurs:

On July 19, the Federal Communications Commission announced via the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from \$13.40 to \$13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect.

In FY2010, the FCC expects to grant 14,800 vanity call signs, bringing in \$196,840 from the vanity call sign program. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The notice in the July 19, 2010 edition of the Federal Register -- entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010; Final Rule" -- includes all FCC regulatory fees; these fees are expected to recover a total of \$336,712,213 during FY2010, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

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Louisiana Section Announces An Online Swapmeet Forum

From the LA Section WebMaster - Ken Standard, AD5XJ

The Louisiana Section has monitored the site for the past year, noting what has generated interest and what has wained in interest. One of the things that has the least amount of interest (by lack of activity) is the message forums. Therefore, in the interest of providing the maximum of utility to visitors to the Section Web Site, we are changing the message forums.

We announce the new Louisiana Section Online Swapmeet. This new forum will provide an opportunity for Section members who wish to provide information to potential buyers of new or used equipment and accessories for ham radio. We must have some ground rules to operate from, so we ask you to go to the website and **read the rules**. You will have to register, set up a user name and password, you will then be sent a e-mail confirming that you are registered user.

The Louisiana ARRL Section website can be found at:

<http://www.laarrrl.org>

President's Message (from page 1)

I believe a demonstration of that nature would spark the interest for the new hams and would be very beneficial. Grant, I want to thank you for all of your participation. I hope you will use this experience to share with your friends that they might become active club members.

AARA would like to thank The Moody Company (owner of the Chase Bank Building) and Joe Fain W5XJF for allowing the club to locate the repeater on their building. Don't forget to thank Joe when you see him or hear him on the air.

There is much more to this repeater story, but we'll let the ones that worked through it share with everyone at the next meeting.

If you are not an ARRL member, please consider joining so the club membership can maintain a certain level.

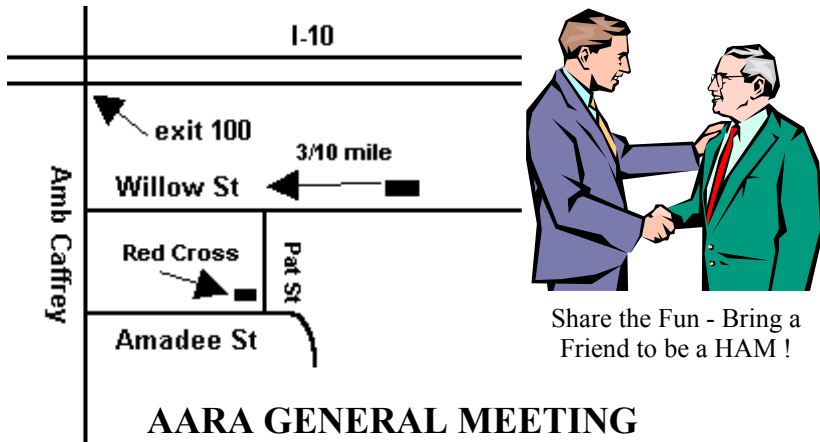
73,
Irma KE5UPK
AARA Club President

AARA August General Meeting—August 5, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM. Program will be a Power Point presentation by Archie Hill W5AG on two competing Field Day Teams. See "Programming Notes" on page 5.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, August 5th, 2010 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE



♥ **TOMATO PIE** ♥
Greg Dolan II/K5LFT

Pie shell	1/4 c. green onions
2-3 sliced tomatoes	1/2 c. mayonnaise
1/2 tsp. dried oregano	1/2 c. grated cheese (may use
salt and pepper	Romano or Parmesan)

Pre bake pie shell at 425° for 5 minutes. Mix tomatoes, oregano, green onions, salt and pepper. Place in pie shell. Mix mayonnaise and cheese. Pour over tomatoes. Bake at 350° for 20 to 30 minutes.

This is the recipe of the "Tomato Pie" that Greg K5LFT had brought to the July meeting that everyone raved over.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



**FCC Information
Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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